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Application No.: **10/738,548**

Examiner: **Ren Luo Yan**

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For: **APPARATUS FOR REMOVING AND/OR RECOVERING INK,  
PRINTING MACHINE INCLUDING SUCH APPARATUS, AND  
METHOD FOR SUPPLYING AND/OR RECOVERING INK**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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☒ Additional Comments

Applicant(s) have the following additional comments:

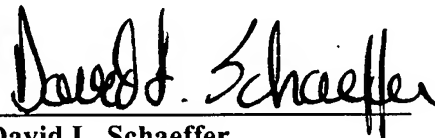
References EP 1 260 367, DE 197 57 094, JP 08-336955, and DE 197 05 006 were identified in a Search Report dated December 8, 2005, in counterpart European patent application no. 05004074.0. References JP 58-142852, JP 11-034302, US 5,165,342 (already of record and so not cited again), EP 1 260 367, GB 1 318 581, JP 10-296961, and EP 0 612 618 were identified in a Search Report, dated December 8, 2005, in counterpart European patent application no. 03029707.1. JP SHO60-154132, HEI11-34302 and JUM 3053666 were cited in an Office Action in counterpart Japanese Appln. 2003-164197. For concise explanations of the relevance of the cited references, the Examiner is respectfully directed to those Search Reports and Office Action, copies of which are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

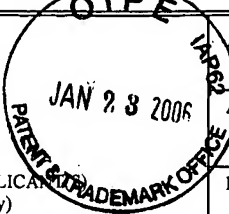
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant'(s) attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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